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Around D-M

D-M 50 picnic

The D-M 50, local civic leaders and base supporters, are hosting a picnic for the base at Bama Park Saturday. The picnic is free and open to all Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members and their families. D-M 50 Picnic shuttle: The base housing D-M 50 picnic shuttle will run continuously from Borman Elementary School to Lowell-Smith Elementary School to Bama Park Saturday from 12:20 to 7 p.m. The shuttle will stop at each location approximately every 10 minutes. AMARC Tour Schedule: Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center will conduct tours every hour with the first tour bus departing Bama Park at the corner of Craycroft and Nuggat roads from 1:15 to 6:15 p.m. Each tour lasts approximately an hour.

AEF deployment

Aerospace Expeditionary Force 1 and 2 deployment processing is scheduled for Oct. 10 and 24 starting at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Building 4859. Call 8-4500 for more information.

Days since last D-M DUI:



Need a ride? Call **Airmen Against Drunk Driving** at 850-2233.

(Current as of Thursday)



Hispanic Heritage Month

Members of the La Paloma Dance Company, who will provide entertainment at the Olympics in Sydney, perform traditional folkorico dances during the Hispanic Heritage luncheon at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Friday. Davis-Monthan

Air Force Base celebrates the 2000 National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 with the theme, "Children: Our Hope for the Future." Call 8-2311 for more information about activities or the Hispanic Heritage Committee.

SNCO to help members make re-enlistment, career decisions

Members of the 355th Wing, who may be uncertain about career options or struggling with their re-enlistment decision now have an experienced senior NCO to turn to for help—the wing career assistance

Senior Master Sgt. Lionel McFarlane was appointed by the wing commander as the wing career assistance advisor.

"My primary job is to serve as a

tool for commanders, first sergeants and, specifically, immediate supervisors, advising them on retention matters that will aid their people in making informed career decisions," McFarlane said.

The Air Force created 79 new positions, one for every wing, in an effort to increase retention rates and to help Air Force members make educated decisions about their careers by providing information and guidance. The career assistance advisor is the central information resource on benefit and entitlement programs, and opportunities available for those who choose the Air Force as a career.

"There is a lot of mis-information out there, and we need to clear it up by making sure accurate information is getting out to our people when they need it. A lot of people are un-

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Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute
Davis-Monthan Air
Force Base's
Hispanic Heritage
Committee, for their
hard work and
dedication in helping
D-M recognize
Hispanic Heritage
Month. Well done!



Col. Bobby Wilkes 355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **8-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: <u>355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil</u>.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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AAFES Agencies	748-788
Accounting and Finance	8-4964
Chaplain	8-5411
Clinic	8-2930
Commissary	8-3116
Family Support	8-5690
Housing Office	8-3687
Inspector General	8-3559
Legal	8-6432
Lodging	8-4845
Military/Civilian	
Equal Opportunity Office	8-5509
Military Personnel	8-5689
Public Affairs	8-3204
Security Forces	8-6178
Services	8-5596

DMV's service

Comment: I conducted a transaction at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base office of the Department of Motor Vehicles and was again treated badly by one particular employee.

I spoke to a supervisor about the harsh words and aggressive attitude of the employee and am infuriated to discover that not only have others made complaints with no satisfaction, but that the supervisor has elected to treat this like a one-time occurrence and has terminated the issue having "talked to him about customer service."

I am outraged that we at D-M are expected to tolerate this kind of "customer service" and don't feel that issues like this should be allowed to continue without visible penalty or correction. I think the individual should be replaced and not allowed to work at the on-base location.

Response: Thank you for using the Commander's Corner and allowing us to answer your concern.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base officials immediately contacted the Arizona Department of Transportation about your concern with the employee. ADOT addressed the situation with the employee.

D-M officials also made ADOT aware of other incidences involving this employee.

ADOT said it would contact the area zone manager to discuss the problem. ADOT agreed this incident should not have happened and was apologetic.

If there are any further concerns with the D-M ADOT office, customers are asked to send a written complaint.

Call Jan DiMaria, D-M real estate officer, at 8-2305 to submit a written complaint. She will immediately forward them to the appropriate ADOT office.

Retiree ID card

Comment: I was recently delayed at the front gate because my car did not have a sticker. My ID card usually got me on the base before, but I was told to wait until 7 a.m. so I could get a temporary pass. Then I was asked where I was going, how long I was going to be there and whether my wife had an ID card. I believe my retiree's ID card is supposed to give me access to the base. When did the rules change?

Response: Thank you for your question concerning military identification cards and installation entry.

The basic entry procedures for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base have remained constant for several years. Safety, security considerations and Air Force instructions require vehicles entering the installation to be properly registered and insured. This is validated by obtaining a DD Form 2220 (base decal), or an AF Form 75 (visitor and vehicle pass) at the visitor's center adjacent the Craycroft Road gate.

Active-duty military, retirees and military affiliated civilians are required to obtain a base decal for their vehicle within 72 hours of arrival on the installation.

Any vehicle entering without a valid base decal is required to possess a temporary pass.

Installation entry procedures vary across the country and between services based upon local crime, local threat and assets contained on the specific installation, and it is not uncommon for some installations to grant entry based solely off a military identification card.

Lastly, the questions you were asked prior to issuing a temporary pass are standard questions asked of everyone and are required to be annotated on the Air Force form.

Call security force operations desk at 8-2426 or 8-4791 if you have more questions.

Your Final Answer?

How does your job support the Air Force mission?



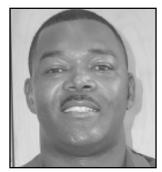
Staff Sgt.
Donald Villars
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"My job is critical since I load bombs. Without the bombs, the plane would be just another commercial airliner."



Senior Airman
Jeremy Van Buskirk
355th Services
Squadron

"As a fitness center specialist, I help promote physical fitness standards and athletics to help maintain members' readiness capabilities."



Tech. Sgt.
Prince Valair
355th Operations
Support Squadron

"I assist in providing functional checks for the 355th Wing. Quality assurance insures safety and accuracy that is vital to the mission."



Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mark Thomas 355th Wing

"I help prepare troops mentally and provide counseling with confidentiality. My office allows airmen a safe place to vent their feelings in order to continue the mission."



Master Sgt. Rebecca Rogers 355th Logistics Support Squadron

"I monitor training and ensure core tasks and formal training for airmen are complete. The future of our Air Force relies on capable and skilled personnel."



Senior Airman Paula Chittick **355th Wing**

"I help run and plan base exercises which help prepare us for real-world missions. I also assist in putting out information that is crucial to the exercise."

D-M civic leader tour gains, maintains AF supporters

By Laura Williams *Public affairs*

Tucson civic leaders got to see some unique Air Force missions on a two-day tour hosted by Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, Sept. 12 and 13. The diverse group of 26 local distinguished visitors traveled via a McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., KC-135E tanker, and toured the Air Force Academy and the Cheyenne Mountain complex in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M.

The Air Force's Civic Leader Tour Program was created to encourage "grassroots" support of the Air Force and its activities.

"It is vitally important that our community leaders understand the Air Force's diverse mission areas and airpower's significant role," said Maj. Eric Schnaible, 355th Wing Public Affairs chief.

"These educational trips open their eyes beyond DM's mission, while strengthening our community interface. That translates to better local support of our people and an informed understanding of the Air Force's prominent role in global military operations."

Across the Air Force, base civic leader tours are major command-approved every other year, but Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's last tour was conducted in 1995. Like many bases, D-M enjoys great support from its community, but it is important to nurture that by continuing to educate new community leaders on our capabilities, issues and concerns as their opinion and voice can make a difference.

Each tour travels via a military training mission aircraft to a dissimilar unit in the same MAJCOM and to a base from another MAJCOM, with participants paying their overnight hotel and meal costs.

At the Air Force Academy, the group received a mission briefing and a falconry demonstration. After watching the cadets' march to their dining facility and a rousing welcome by 4,000 cadets, the group toured the Academy chapel. Trip escort Capt. Paul Szostak, 355th Wing commander's executive officer, and a 1990 academy graduate, shared his experience and answered questions about life at the academy.

South of town, on level-2 in the heart of the 11-story Cheyenne Mountain complex, the Deputy Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command briefed the group in the NORAD Command Center. Lt. Gen. George McDonald, of the Canadian Air Force, demonstrated the capabilities of the fusion center of missile warning satellite, airspace management and alerting computer systems.

"If the actual rooms are smaller than Hollywood portrays, the capabilities and personnel far out shine them," suggested trip participant Kirsten Tedesco, deputy director of the Pima Air and Space Museum.

At Holloman, Luftwaffe (German air force) Tornado fighter-bombers and F-4s on final approach, seemed to "buzz" the bus while F-117 Stealth fighters and AT-38 trainers dotted the sky and taxiways, impressing the group with the level of activity. Viewing the centrifuge gondola and



Photos by Maj. Eric Schnaib

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base civic leaders listen to Staff Sgt. Charles Acron as he briefs them on the altitude chamber in the Physiologic Testing Center at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. (Inset photo) During the group's return trip to D-M, they witnessed 354th Fighter Squadron A-10s refueled from their KC-135 aircraft.

the altitude chamber helped the civic leaders understand the intense physiological screening required to become a fighter pilot. After viewing several Gravity-Induced Loss of Consciousness videos of trainees, there were no volunteers to take a test ride in the centrifuge.

On the return flight from Holloman, the group rotated to the KC-135 boom operator's pit at the rear of the aircraft to witness and photograph a four-ship formation of 354th Fighter Squadron A-10s conduct aerial refueling. After all the exciting demonstrations they saw over two days, the AR mission was a big highlight of the trip.

"You saved the best for last," said

Nelda Broyles, Managing Broker of Century 21 Real Estate. Once back at D-M's base operations, Wilkes issued a parting challenge to the trip's attendees.

"The payback for us is, if you know a sharp recruitment-age student, talk to him or her about the multitude of Air Force opportunities," Wilkes said.

The group heartily nodded their agreement. "I am sure, all involved will want to encourage young people to think about wearing 'the Blue' and to learn about all of the opportunities that are open to those who make that decision," said trip guest Schuyler Lininger, President of Poets Corner Properties.

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aware of the options and benefits available to them when they're faced with individual career decisions, therefore, it is my responsibility to make sure they get the right information they need," McFarlane said. "I will be working very closely with first sergeants and supervisors since they are in a better position to actively mentor and advise their personnel on career decisions."

"Ultimately, every individual must make their own decision whether to re-enlist, separate or transfer to the Guard or Reserves, but we fail them when we don't provide them with the guidance and the right information to help them make educated career decisions." McFarlane said.

To make sure the right information is getting



McFarlane

out, McFarlane will attend commander's calls, Airman Leadership School, Senior NCO and NCO Enhancement Seminars, as well as conduct the wing's decision time briefings, make staff assistance visits to each squadron, contribute to supervisor's training and implement more retention initiatives.

"Taking care of people is my number one priority, because people are the most vital resource we have and we are committed to retaining the best and the brightest in our Air Force," McFarlane said.

Visit Senior Master Sgt. McFarlane's office in building 2300, room 1102 or call 8-STAY (7829).



Master Sgt. Jill Goodwin

Air Force birthday

Commemorating the 53rd birthday of the Air Force (left to right) Airman Joseph Laxton, 355th Contracting Squadron; Col. Lawrence Stutzriem, 355th Wing vice commander; Lt. Col. Willie Williams, 12th Air Force; and Chief Master Sgt. Jack Sutherland, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, cut the birthday cake Tuesday in the 355th Wing Building conference room. At Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Laxton is the newest airman on base, Williams has been in the service the longest and Sutherland has been in the Air Force the longest of anyone in the wing.

Resumes to become mandatory for civil service applicants

No matter your career field, come summer 2001, applicants interested in Air Force civil service positions, including current Air Force employees interested in changing jobs, must submit a resume.

According to Karen Young, 355th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel officer, all new Air Force employees were required to have resumes when applying for vacancies at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in May.

The Air Force is deploying a new staffing system known as the Standard Automated Inventory Referral System, or STAIRS, said Thomas Carroll, STAIRS project officer, Palace Compass Program Management Office.

The system will require applicants, including current Air Force employees, to take three steps to be considered for the service's civil service positions. All civilian positions will be advertised and employees will have the opportunity to apply, or self-nominate, for jobs.

First, he said, people will submit a resume; second, they will review job listings to determine

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Martin Stanovich, a Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center aircraft mechanic, removes a panel under the right wing tip of a C-17 Globemaster II during analytical inspection. A new e-mail system will allow subscribers to receive information on civil service job vacancies that meet their individual criteria.

which positions interest them; and third, self-nominate to be considered.

Augmenting STAIRS is an e-mail subscriber service known as the Civilian Announcement Notification System, or CANS, which is intended to help applicants with the second step, said Carroll.

CANS is currently online and provides job information to Air Force employees interested in positions at Charleston and McChord Air Force bases, in South Carolina and Washington, respectively. CANS came online at D-M in May.

It also provides job listings to applicants not currently employed by the Air Force who wish to be considered at 73 bases serviced by the PAL-ACE Compass Regional Center at Randolph AFB, Texas. Once STAIRS is fully deployed by next summer, the subscriber service will include all employee fills and Air Force positions at all locations, Carroll said.

D-M is one of the 73 bases serviced by the PALACE Compass Regional Center. Servicing transferred to the Center in July 1997.

Under CANS, subscribers are notified by e-mail when their registration criteria match a job announcement. They then have to go to the Air Force Personnel Center's civilian employment home page to view the actual announcement and nominate themselves for the job.

All candidates that apply will be notified of the consideration they received. At the same time, managers will have access to the resumes of the best qualified candidates who are referred for selection consideration, Carroll said.

According to Carroll, prospective candidates do not have to submit a resume to register in CANS. However, they do need to submit one before nominating themselves for a position. CANS performs a search for matches every Friday, eliminating the need for applicants to constantly check for new job announcements. Once enrolled, applicants remain in the system for 180 days.

Applicants can list up to 20 different criteria combinations. The information can be changed at any time, initiating another 180-day cycle.

If changes aren't made, applicants will be notified via e-mail 10 days before the 180-day cycle expires, reminding them to resubmit their criteria before they are dropped from the system.

The AFPC has several automated tools to assist employees with the new procedures, such as an online resume writer that provides step-



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Irwin Rosenfeld, nitrate film specialist, inspects a film at the Library of Congress film preservation vault facility at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. A new civil service program scheduled to come online by summer of 2001 will require resumes for all job vacancies.

by-step instructions on creating a resume. In addition, civilian personnel offices will team up with family support centers to provide resume writing and preparation skills training. D-M applicants will be able to submit resumes on-line, by e-mail, or by mailing in their resume.

These changes are a result of the Defense Department's ongoing effort to modernize and standardize the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, Carroll said. The STAIRS is the module for the new DOD system and is mandated for use by all the services.

"As a result, our old placement system for employees, the Promotion and Placement Referral System, will no longer be supported," he said. The PPRS does not incorporate much of the technology available today, including Web sites, email and interactive voice response systems.

"Although the new system can be a little scary for employees at this time, once the training is completed and we all learn to navigate the online process, employees will be better able to manage their careers," Young said. "The system will allow the employees to self describe experience, control updates to their resumes, and the employee will decide the positions for which they want to be considered."

Training at D-M on STAIRS is currently in the planning stages for all employees. A Handbook is already available on the AFPC home page, but once training is implemented, employees receive a mini handbook developed by the 355th MSS to review. The handbook is designed to better assist employees with understanding the process.

Visit the AFPC Web site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/ for more information. (Courtesy Air Force News)

Hatch Act restricts partisan political activities

By Kathy Horn 88th Support Group Civilian Personnel Division

What does the Hatch Act have to do with me? If you are a civilian employee and are thinking about engaging in partisan political activities, it could mean your job. That is exactly what it meant to a Postal Service employee who became a candidate for a partisan political.

Because he only delivered mail every Saturday, he thought he had an irregular tour of duty and was therefore exempt from the regulations that govern the Hatch Act. Unfortunately, his assessment of the law was incorrect and subsequently he lost his job with the U.S.

Postal Service.

The Hatch Act imposes restrictions on the ability of federal civilian employees to engage in certain partisan political activities. The act does not apply to military members.

All Defense Department employees must take care that their activities do not create a conflict or apparent conflict of interest with the full and impartial performance of their official duties.

Some activities DoD employees may participate in are:

- ♦ Be candidates for public office in non-partisan elections.
- ◆ Register and vote as they
- ♦ Assist in voter registration drives.

- ♦ Express opinions about candidates and issues.
- ◆ Contribute money to political organizations.

Activities DoD employees may not participate in include:

- ◆ Use their official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election. This includes using their official title while participating in political activity and using their authority to coerce others to engage in political activity.
- ♦ Solicit, accept or receive a political contribution (some exceptions); solicit, accept, or receive uncompensated volunteer services from an individual who is a subordinate; or allow their official titles to

be used in connection with fundraising activities.

◆ Run for nomination or election to public office in a partisan election (few locality exceptions).

Employees should consult their servicing personnel management specialist in civilian personnel before engaging in questionable activities or for clarification on exceptions.

Contact the Office of Special Counsel by writing 1730 M Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036; calling 1-800-854-2824; or visiting their Web site at: http://www.afmc-pub.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/JA/lo/lojaf for advice concerning the Hatch Act.



Courtesy photo

Language competitors win

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Paul Hampson, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, Master Sgt. Bob Flyzik, Detachment 2, 67th Wing, Senior Airman Paulette Fyffe, 43rd ECS, and Master Sgt. Chris Callan, 43rd ECS, receive honors for their performance as Korean linguist teams during the non-resident 2000 Worldwide Language Olympics. The two Korean linguist teams from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base competed with four other teams from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and the Joint Learning Facility at Fort George Meade, Md. The Compass Call team from D-M came in first place overall. Flyzik and Hampson, team one, earned a gold, silver and bronze medals in the power word, 20-question and handcopy competitions in that order. Callan and Fyffe, team two, secured a gold, silver and bronze medals in the handcopy, gisting and 20-questions competition in that order. Tech. Sgt. Jeff Bagwell and Senior Airman Neil Rutan, both 43rd ECS members, represented D-M as the Russian Linguist Team during the competition.

D-M units key in Green Flag

By Airman 1st Class Brian Kester 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Since the late 1970s, Green Flag exercises over the desert mountain ranges of Nevada have helped thousands of aircrews from every branch of the military and different countries around the world master their aerial combat skills.

This year's Green Flag 00-4, the last ever, was no exception as hundreds of airmen from around the world flew fighters, tankers, reconnaissance and cargo jets in a simulated desert war from July to early September.

The 43rd Electronic Squadron was the only 355th Wing asset during period one, the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron and the 41st ECS were deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., for periods two and three of the three-period Green Flag exercise. Each squadron deployed two aircraft and approximately 100 members.

"As deployed forces working with allies from Italy, Germany, Singapore, Great Britain and Canada, this exercise not only allows participants to train for their real world mission in a realistic environment, but it also helps members to see the 'big picture' and what role their individual units play," said Capt. Michael Hinsch, 43rd ECS pilot.

"Our pilots here learned how to better react during combat situations, because our whole mission in these exercises is to keep our pilots alive," said Col. Thomas King, Green Flag deployed forces commander. "I hope the units these crews belong to have increased their combat capability because of what these folks have learned. Second, I hope the different units and different services represented here have learned how to work together better as a team so that if needed, we can go out and win a war together as a cohe-

sive, well-oiled machine."

The main mission of Green Flag was to prepare pilots to fight (in a combined air, ground and electronic threat environment), said Lt. Col. Paul Ackerman, 494th Fighter Squadron's director of operations at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, who served as the base commander during the exercise.

One of the biggest lessons learned during the Vietnam War was that if pilots can survive their first seven combat sorties, chances of survival during a conflict significantly increases, Ackerman said. With that mentality, he added, the Green Flag exercise and similar exercises help get the pilots through those first seven missions in a simulated combat environment.

As well as being the last Green Flag exercise, it was also the first training exercise program to test the Joint Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses program initiated by the Department of Defense.

The JSEAD premise has been used in other operations such as Operation Allied Force and Operations Northern and Southern Watch, but this is the first time it has been used in a controlled environment to test and evaluate its efficiency.

During the JSEAD portion of the exercise, held the last two weeks of the six-week combat training, F-15E Strike Eagle crews incorporated the aerial skills they had learned during the first four weeks and added in the threat and mission of destroying surface-to-air missile sites.

The JSEAD program — developed because of the number of jets lost to ground defenses rather than air attacks — was created to help target these ground-based defenses and eliminate their threat early in a conflict.

Current and emerging surface-to-air missile systems and modern anti-aircraft artillery guns employ redundant and diverse target acquisition schemes, combine that with a wide variety of cueing and engagement techniques makes it essential to neutralize these weapons before they strike our aircraft, according to the JSEAD mission.

"During the third period of Green Flag, we were able to drop about two GBU-15 (Glide Bombs) a day from F-15Es," said Maj. Thomas Colby, a pilot from the 48th Operation Support Squadron at RAF Lakenheath.

"That might not sound like a lot, but when you compare that with to the four we've been able to drop in England in the past two years, you can see it's a considerable difference. Being able to drop these munitions, our weapon system operators have been able to actually see how the weapons they use work and how to maneuver them better to have a higher proficiency."



Staff Sgt. Andy Rowland

(Left to right) Tech. Sgt. Craig Webster, 42nd Airborne and Command Squadron, and Capt. Dan Marcalus, Detachment 3, Air Combat Command Training Squadron, take a familiarization flight on a MC-130H Combat Talon II during the Green Flag exercise to gain a better overall perspective of operations. Members of the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, one of three units from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to participate in the final Green Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., combined their skills in this multi-national, interservice training exercise to defeat the "bad guys."

Air Force Print News

Computer users beware of Internet, e-mail scams

By Capt. Douglas ChickaOgden ALC Legal Office
Hill Air Force Base, Utah

The Internet provides unprecedented worldwide access; unfortunately, scam artists are using this same unlimited access to further their endeavors.

The Federal Trade Commission issued a consumer alert regarding another Internet and e-mail scam. The scam e-mail appears to originate from your Internet Service Provider and states that your account needs to be updated, or that your credit card is invalid or has expired. The FTC says you should not respond to this kind of message without first contacting your Internet

Service Provider.

The FTC classifies this type of scam as an identity theft attempt.

In 1998, Congress passed the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act, making it a federal crime for a person to transfer or use the identification of someone else with the intent to commit a crime.

Contact all three credit bureaus, who must supply a free copy of your credit report, if you report is inaccurate due to fraud. Also, contact creditors about any accounts that have been tampered with.

Visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft or www.privacyrights.org for the latest information on new scams. Otherwise, if you have any questions call the base legal office at 8-6432.

Have you been scammed?

If you think you have been scammed, contact one of the following offices:

The National Fraud Information Center 1701 K St. NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20006

Call NFIC at 1-800-876-7060 (voice), 202-835-0767 (fax), 202-737-5084 (TTD), 202-347-3189 (EBB), or their visit their Web site at www.fraud.org.

Federal Trade Commission Attn: Identity Theft Clearinghouse 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20580 Call the FTC at 877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TDD 202-326-2502, or file a complaint online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

You may also call the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs at 800-664-4435.

If you discover that your identity has been stolen, you definitely need to contact the three major credit agencies: Equifax at 800-525-6285, or online at www.equifax.com; Experian at 888-397-3742, www.esperian.com; and, Trans Union at 800-916-8800, www.tuc.com. Request a copy of your credit record.

Barksdale aircrew fires first live AGM-142

By Airman David Jackson

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A Barksdale B-52 crew conducted a unique live-fire missile test at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Sept. 7 as part of a weapon system evaluation program.

A 20th Bomb Squadron crew launched an AGM-142 missile that struck its target on the range.

This missile, manufactured at a new plant in Troy, Ala., was the first American-built AGM-142 to undergo a live-fire test.

"[This launch] shows the capability of the missile," said Capt. Mark Mount, B-52 aircraft commander.

The missile is a camera-guided weapon directed by the aircrew's radar navigator. A monitor inside the aircraft displays the view as seen by the missile's camera. The radar navigator

then uses a control stick inside the B-52 to adjust the weapon to keep the camera's cross hairs on the target.

"It's kind of like a high-tech video game," said Capt. Rick Armstrong, radar navigator.

Part of the launch's success may be attributed to the Mission Rehearsal Training System, an AGM-142 simulator radar navigators use to practice missile launches and strikes without using munitions.

"It's the first time we have used the Mission Rehearsal Training System to help us prepare," said Armstrong. "The system makes me feel more confident ... that I will hit my target in real life."

And he did.

This live-fire test was called Combat Hammer. Combat Hammer analyzed data and evaluated the entire weapon system: the aircraft, aircrew, weapon, weapon delivery system, maintenance and support forces, and support equipment.

The AGM-142 carries a 750-pound warhead and has a range of more than 50 nautical miles (57 miles).

"It shows that we can strike a target, with accuracy, outside of most threat ranges," said Armstrong.

Because the missile is very accurate and expensive to produce, the Air Force only uses it for high-value targets such as power plants, refineries, communication complexes and command bunkers.

"It's a precision weapon and it is the largest penetration missile in the inventory, and the B-52 is the only airplane in the U.S. Air Force able to launch it," said Capt. Patrick Spaulding, instructor radar navigator.

After the seven-hour mission, the flight crew returned to Barksdale to celebrate the success.

"We did a pretty good job working as an aircrew, but everyone who helped with getting the mission complete did a great job all around," Mount said.

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Your vote does make a difference ... votes of Civil War military literally saved Republic in 1864



Col. Kent Clark has been commander of the 305th Rescue Squadron since 1996, and has served the Air Force since 1971.

Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Col. Larry Carnahan, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Inspector General

Retired Maj. Gen. George Miller

Col. Michael Newell, 1st Air Support Operations Group

Army Col. Timothy Scully, IGOR G3 Commander

355th Wing Flying Goals



Hours Goal Flown Delta YTD

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Sorties

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Current as of Wednesday

By Col. Kent Clark

305th Rescue Squadron commander

It's that time again; the wheels of democracy are about to complete another revolution. I'm referring to that time allowed by our hardearned and cherished freedom to go to the polls and vote. It is also true that the push will be on throughout the country to convince people that when the first Tuesday in November rolls around, their vote will actually count and that the simple effort put forth on voting day will net immediate and desired results. I've been through a number of presidential elections and I have learned that results usually are not too immediate and occasionally not desired. No matter what the outcome, I always feel better about having voted anyway.

It may surprise you to learn that there was a time when this country's military vote literally saved the Republic. It was during the Civil War, the year was 1864. Then President Abraham Lincoln was up for re-election. The country had just been through nearly four years of war-torn strife. Nearly all of the 600,000 casualties of the war had occurred by then and the 4 million voting members of the Union were tired. They couldn't foresee an end to the war and had begun to doubt if it could ever be won.

The president's opponent was William McClellan, the same general officer who had to be replaced by Abraham Lincoln as commander of the Union Army, not once, but twice, for failure to act decisively. It was generally felt that McClellan would end the war by making peace with the Confederacy, which would mean the establishment of the Confederate States of America. As August of that year rolled around, it began to look as though the incumbent party would be soundly trounced. The "Peace Plank" of McClellan's party stated: "That this convention does explicitly declare, as the sense of the American people, that after four years of failure to restore the Union by the experiment of war ... justice, humanity, liberty, and the public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for a cessation of hostilities, with a view to an ultimate convention of the States, or other peaceable means, to the end that at the earliest practicable moment peace may be restored ..."

Later that month, Lincoln wrote: "This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this administration will not be re-elected." However, soon good news came from Georgia, where Sherman took Atlanta, and then from Alabama where Farragut ("damn the torpedoes, full speed

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355 LG - 37

355 WG - 2 DET 2 - 1

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

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Total: 119

Other locations -- 0 Current as of Monday

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By Chief Master Sgt. John Foran

355th Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

What a challenge placed before the men and women of this wing. In an era of reduced funding, manning shortages, and in some cases decaying facilities, we are tasked to not only maintain but to move forward the most effective Air Force in the world.

Are you up to the challenge?

I once had a young staff sergeant say to me, "Have you changed everything in squadron yet Chief", to which replied "Not yet, but I'm working hard to fix what's broken". The broken part was personnel not maintaining all the established standards. We shouldn't pick and choose the standards we think are important to enforce, that confuses our people. Lead by example. Make sure the standard is clear in your unit for mission accomplishment, educating and training personnel, facilities management, customs and courtesies, loyalty, and personal appearance. Understand and actively support the Air Force policy of "zero tolerance" for discrimination and sexual harassment. Get out and actively participate in physical fitness programs. Take action to correct marginal or substandard behavior or duty performance. Recognize and reward those

Challenges abound ... are you up for them?



Senior Airman Amy McBe

Chief Master Sgt. John Foran (right), 355th Wing command chief master sergeant, shares a laugh with Tech. Sgt. Stephen Castellanos, 357th Fighter Squadron, during one of the chief's visits to a maintenance area.

individuals whose conduct, bearing, and performance clearly exceed established standards. I agree this is not an easy task but neither is it imposable. We must create an environment, which allows everyone to achieve their full

potential and maximize their contribution to the mission. Do these things and half the battle is won.

The other half is attitude. I've been known for telling my troops that they have to smile at work. I think we make choices everyday about how we are going to interact with others. Is this going to be a good day or a bad day? Do you have a positive or a negative outlook on life? The choices you make not only affect you but many others around you. It doesn't matter if you're repairing equipment or dealing with customers over a counter. In many cases your attitude sets the tone for mission success or failure. It's just not easy to work with the doom and gloom type folks, I would much rather work with a positive up beat type person. How about you?

I am not new to this wing or the challenges we face. I am looking forward to working with all of you, addressing your concerns and issues. I will communicate trends and factors which impact the enlisted force and make recommendations to the commander and senior leadership. I'm going to work hard to ensure the commander's policies are known and understood by the enlisted force. I don't have all the answers, so when you come to me with a problem try and have a solution in mind.

Vote

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ahead!") took control of Mobile Bay. Both victories breathed life back into the administration, but only enough to keep McClellan's election from becoming a landslide.

In October, Lincoln made his move; he ordered a general furlough of as many Union soldiers as possible so they could go back to their home states and vote. The results were astonishing as reported in Shelby Foote's, The Civil War, A Narrative.

"These would show that, out of some 4 million votes cast this

Tuesday, Lincoln received 2,203,831 - just over 55 percent - as compared to his opponent's 1,797,019. Including those of Nevada, whose admission to the Union had been hurried through. eight days ago, so that its three votes could tip the scales if needed, he would receive 212 electoral votes and McClellan only the 21 from Delaware, New Jersey, and Kentucky. Yet the contest had been a good deal closer than these figures indicated. Connecticut, for example was carried by a mere 2000 votes and New York by fewer than 7000, both as a result of

military ballots, which went overwhelmingly for Lincoln, here as elsewhere. Without these two states, plus four others whose soldier voters swung the balance -Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, and Indiana - he would have lost the election."

Think about this: the actual soldiers in the field, those who had marched hundreds of miles throughout the country and fought some of the fiercest battles ever fought by Americans, voted to extend the very conflict in which they were fighting and bleeding. When the ramifications of what

would have happened if Lincoln had lost the election are considered, one gains an appreciation of the significance of what those "soldier voters" accomplished at the poles on that Tuesday in November 1864.

What about today? Is the "soldier voter" any less informed on the importance of today's mission? I think not. Today's world is more complicated and the conflicts are not as simple, but the significance of the mission is every bit as important now as it was then. It is just as important that the "soldier voter" go to the polls today as it was 150 years ago. See you there.

Health Focus

Cholesterol ... the good, the bad, the truth

By Maj. Leslie Tegeler 355th Medical Group

Your doctor tells you, "Your good cholesterol is too low and your bad cholesterol is too high!" Confused? How can it be too high and too low?

To truly understand what this all means you need to understand what cholesterol is and where it comes from.

Cholesterol is a white, waxy, odorless substance that helps your body use fats, insulates your nerve and brain tissues, waterproofs your skin, and helps make hormones. Your liver makes about 80 per cent of your blood cholesterol.

The remaining 20 percent comes from your diet. The amount of fat and cholesterol you eat may influence the levels of your blood cholesterol. Your liver packages and distributes any fat you take in through your diet.

Fat deposit

When you have more fat than you body needs, the excess fat can become attached to the inside of your blood vessels. Once a small deposit is made, it creates an easier surface for more fat to deposit. Fat-clogged blood vessels restrict blood flow to you heart, brain and other parts of your body. This can result in life-threatening health problems, such as heart attack and stroke. So what do all the numbers mean on your blood test?

Total cholesterol - This is the overall total amount of cholesterol in your blood. The desirable level is less than 200. Total cholesterol breaks down into high-density lipoprotein and low-density lipoprotein.

HDL(High density protein) - This is the "good" cholesterol. It finds and rescues the "bad" cholesterol and brings it back to the liver to be reprocessed or excreted. Desirable level: greater than 35. HDL is directly reflective of your aerobic activity.

LDL (Low density protein) - This is the "bad" cholesterol. LDL attaches to the walls of blood vessels, restricting blood flow through the vessels. Desirable level: less than 130

Depending on whether you have other cardiovascular risk factors, your doctor may want to see your



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Airman 1st Class Daniel Thompson (right), 355th Supply Squadron, gets his blood drawn by Staff Sgt. Jennett Sharratt, of the 355th Medical Group laboratory. Blood cholesterol levels are checked every five years during the personal health assessment, and more often if recommended by a health care provider.

LDL < 100. LDL is reflective of your total fat intake.

Triglycerides - This is a type of fat your body uses to store sugar until you need the sugar's energy. Too much again may cause clogging in your blood vessels. Desirable level: less than 250

How do I lower my TC, LDL, and Triglycerides? Changing your diet is often the most effective way to lower or maintain your cholesterol at a desirable level, though it may take a few months to begin to see the results.

The most helpful change you can make is to lower the amount of fat you eat. This helps lower your cholesterol and helps you lose weight.

Your goal should be to limit your fat intake to less than one-third of you total calories and to reduce the amount of saturated fat you eat. The most obvious foods high in fat that should be avoided or limited are your "fast-foods", any fried foods, red meats, and whole milk and dairy products. Foods such as poultry or fish can replace red meat, skim milk and low fat dairy products can be substituted for high fat dairy products as well. Baking and grilling instead of frying will greatly reduce your fat intake. A good way to monitor your fat intake is to read the

"Nutrition Facts" labels on storebought foods and choose the foods with the lower total fat per serving.

Another area, which greatly affects total fat for the day, is the serving size. Everything is "super-sized" these days and most of the servings in restaurants are more than one serving size. Moderation is the key to a healthy diet.

What about my HDL? HDL is directly related to your aerobic exercise. The recommendation is 30-40 minutes of aerobic exercise 3-4 times a week.

When you are doing your exercise it is important to be working within your target heart rate for your age. Aerobic exercise helps your heart and other muscles use oxygen more efficiently. Aerobic exercise also gives your muscles more of the enzymes they need to burn fat.

High cholesterol is one of the major preventable risks leading to cardiovascular disease

(i.e. heart attack and stroke). You must also consider your other risks factors, which in combination with undesirable cholesterol levels, increases your risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

Risk factors, which can be modified, are:

Weight: Those who are more than 30 percent over their ideal

weight are more likely to develop heart disease and stroke.

Blood pressure: High blood pressure increases the heart's workload, causing the heart to enlarge and weaken over time.

Exercise: Aerobic exercise strengthens your heart muscle and helps to maintain your weight, as well as increasing your HDL.

Tobacco use: Tobacco use lowers the HDL levels, raises the blood pressure, reduces oxygen levels in the blood and damages the blood vessel walls.

Diabetes: Diabetes can lead to blood vessel damage and increase the risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

Risk factors which are uncontrollable are:

Age: Everyone's risk increases with age

Gender: Men are a higher risk than women, until the age of 45. Women are a higher risk after age 45 and menopause.

Family history: If members of your family have high cholesterol or cardiovascular disease, then your risk for these problems increase.

Prevent and treat

The more risk factors you have in combination with undesirable cholesterol levels, the greater your risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Every year 1.5 million Americans suffer a heart attack. Cardiovascular diseases is the number one killer in the United States for men and women. The best approach to preventing and treating heart disease is leading a healthy lifestyle.

For more information on cholesterol or cardiovascular disease, the Health and Wellness Center offers classes on nutrition, fitness, and cholesterol. Lifestyle appointments offer cardiovascular risk assessment and screening.

Call the HAWC at 8-2294 for an appointment or further information

(Editor's note: Stop by the Cholesterol Information Booth in the base clinic main lobby Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A wellness clinician will be available to answer questions and provide you general information on the subject. Learn how you can take control of your life by controlling your cholesterol.)

∮ Sonoran **Spotlight**

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)

When the call went out to the 354th Fighter Squadron commander and first sergeant to nominate one of their sharp troops for the Sonoran Spotlight, the answer came back quickly and resoundingly. In unison voice, Lt. Col. John Carter and Master Sgt. Ken Kressin told the *Desert Airman* staff that Airman Monica Montano was their choice.

"Airman Montano is fairly new to the Air Force, and she's doing a great job," Kressin said. "Both the boss and the DO (director of operations) feel she deserves to be in the spotlight."

The news came as a pleasant



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

surprise to Montano, who joined the Air Force less than a year ago, and currently serves as an operations resource manager for the squadron.

She said the best aspect of her

job is the fact that, "every day is different. I never know what's going to happen at the duty desk, and I like the change."

The Patterson, Calif., native, said she joined the Air Force for

the "overall experience of education, travel and meeting new people."

In her current position, Montano is responsible for working at the 354th FS operations duty desk. She mans the radio, post schedules, inputs and audits flying time and training hours.

"I enjoy the people I work with in the 354th," she said. "They are friendly and helpful. I really feel welcome, being somewhat new to the unit, as well as the Air Force."

Montano added she feels a vital part of the 354th's mission, and knows her job is deployable; so when the squadron goes, she goes.

When she's not taking care of squadron business, Montano enjoys writing short stories and poems. She also likes to swim a lot. Montano's real love is the law, although, and she said she plans to eventually cross train into paralegal and continue to earn her degree in criminal justice.

When it came to talking about someone who inspires her, Montano said "my mother has always taught me to take life in a positive way, especially when times get tough. I think that attitude is necessary, especially for a military career."

Air Force ethics recruit artist

Communications squadron information manager calls Tucson scene 'rich'

By 2nd Lt. Danielle Burrows *Public affairs*

It's no secret the Air Force is full of able people. At work, they are the blue-suited mechanics, aircraft maintainers and computer technicians who run the world's greatest fighting force; some are also talented artists.

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Allenegui, 355th Communications Squadron information manager, who arrived at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, his first duty station, in March, said he joined the Air Force to serve his country, but also to serve another purpose.

"It adds more integrity to my art because I know I'm not getting paid for it."

Allenegui enlisted after quitting his job with a Las Vegas art company, where he worked on murals and "faux" painting, a painting technique used to make surfaces look like marble or other material.

"People in the Air Force have a good job ethic." Allenegui felt the company was overcharging its customers.

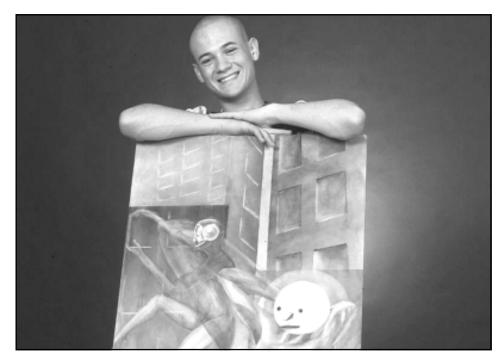
He also joined for a more traditional reason: to earn money for school.

"I consider the military a sixyear college plan," he said. Allenegui has plans to pursue an associate's degree from Pima Community College, and later, art school. For now, he considers art a "nice, cheap, great release. Some people in the dorms say they're bored, that's not my story. I have a great hobby, hopefully with a great future."

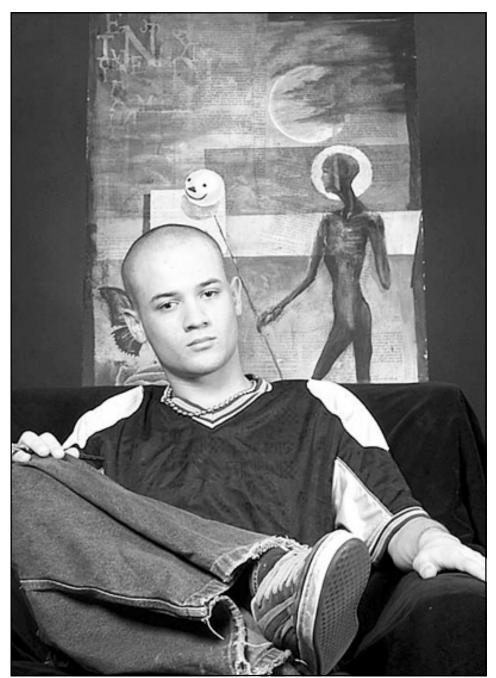
Allenegui spent his senior year of high school studying art at Las Vegas Academy, a magnet school for artistic students. Although originally there as a student of music, he submitted a sketchbook for an audition to the art program and was accepted.

"My family is very musical," he said, "I was surrounded by inspiration." He also added that music continues to inspire his art.

Allenegui said Tucson is also an inspiring city to live in because of the history and the small-town



Allenegui said the painting is this photo has not yet been titled. "It was done in oils. The background features large dark shapes supposed to represent skyscrapers or city buildings. The man in the background is seen in a leaping pose. His face is a metallic mask with a calm expression that has been bolted to his head. The head has a large orange sphere centered in it which is actually supposed to be a Dragon Ball. I like using images from the media, it adds a certain pop culture element to my art. The female in the picture is in a very feminine pose and she's wearing a Jack in the Box mask."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Maryann Walke

The painting behind Allenegui was the first one he completed "after a long creative dry spell. It was fun to make even before I applied the first brush stroke. In order to get the text in the background, I had to get certain pages from the Bible copied and enlarged. I used clear acrylic to glue the pages to the masonite and provide a paintable surface. Because I was going through a phase where I didn't know what to paint but still wanted to paint, I spent a lot of time applying paint in layers. That helps give a painting a luminous feel. The theme for the picture is supposed to be that of a survivor. The Jack ball is comic relief."

feel

"The art scene in Tucson is very rich. There are paintings on every building, which is good to see. Tucson is very colorful, very encouraging."

Allenegui is currently prepping for D-M's art contest in September, where he plans to submit three oil paintings and drawings.

"Whenever I find out about a contest, I try to participate," he said.

Last year, he won the Gallery Award of Merit and \$100 from the Community College of Southern Nevada. He also participated in the 1998 National Congressional Art Competition.

"I would love to work more with computers," said Allenegui, who predicts computers will be used more in art's future. "I'd like to see galleries with flat-screened TVs and moving images." He also likes the combination of music and art in television music videos.

"I'm a young artist. I don't have a set form," he said, "I explore different forms because it's fun."

Allenegui said his main influence is Dave McKean, an artist who is most famous for the album covers he has designed.

At work, Allenegui tracks Freedom of Information Act requests and manages the staging area for records.

He said his parents couldn't be prouder of his decision to join the military.

Both are active-duty Air Force in the same career field as Allenegui.

A and A Days: Cockpit notes



Courtesy photo

When Rocky Hill heads his America Online 5.0 Extra 300 skyward at Aerospace and Arizona Days 2000 Nov. 4 and 5, spectators are going to be in for a wild sight.

Hill has been performing for more than six years, flying more than 75 performances in his Extra 300, a two-seat monoplane, designed and built in Germany.

Hill describes his act as "high-energy gyroscopic, with lots of trademark tumbling, ribbon cuts, and ground-level acrobatics."

Hill's "Tumble Time" 300 cost \$225,000. It develops 350 horsepower at 2700 rpm, and has a 26-foot wingspan.

It sits a scant eight feet off the ground, and can reach a maximum speed of 200 knots.

The airplane is capable of climbing at 2320 feet per minute and has a service ceiling is 16,000 feet.

Hill's performance utilizes very crisp precision aerobatic maneuvers with his specialty gyroscopic tumbles.

Included are loops, hammerheads, avalanches, lomcovaks, torque rolls, tail slides, spinning towers, inverted passes, flat inverted spins and many more.

Two-way dialogue is also available with the announcer during parts of the show. Smoke is used to add that special touch during maneuvers to add to the excitement. The show doesn't end with the flight. Hill is always eager and available to mingle with the audience and discuss flying.

Hill is based out of San Jose, Calif., and in addition to flying many solo performances, he has also performed numerous dual routines with other airshow acts.

Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (over the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman will run significant events

related to the Korean War.) This week in 1950, the following significant Air Force events occurred:

Sept. 22: North Korean resistance crumbled all along the Pusan perimeter. Lt. George Nelson, an Air Force pilot in a Mosquito aircraft, dropped a note to 200 enemy troops northeast of Kunsan demanding their surrender. They complied, moving to a designated hill to be captured by nearby United Nations ground troops. B-29s dropped flares over rail lines, allowing B-26s to attack enemy trains at night.

Sept. 23: Headquarters 5th Air Force in

Korea moved from Pusan to Taegu. In the first recorded special operations mission of the war, SB-17 aircraft of the 3rd Air Rescue Squadron made a classified flight in Korea.

Sept. 25: Far East Air Forces flew flare missions over Seoul all night to allow Marine night fighters to attack North Korean troops fleeing the city. FEAF Combat Cargo Command landed a battalion of 187th Airborne Regiment paratroopers at Kimpo to guard the U.S. Army's X Corps' northern flank as it moved out from Inchon.

Sept. 26: U.S. military forces from Inchon and Pusan linked up near Osan, while Republic of Korea troops with 5th Air Force support moved northward along the east coast toward the 38th parallel. Twenty B-29s of the 22nd Bombardment Group bombed a munitions factory at Haeju, destroying the power plant and five related buildings. Other B-29s belonging to the 92nd BG raided the Pujon hydroelectric plant near Hungnam. These attacks marked the end of the first strategic bombing campaign against North Korea. Fifth Air Force

organized the provisional 543rd Tactical Support Group at Taegu to manage tactical reconnaissance squadrons in Korea.

Sept. 27: Marines drove enemy forces from Seoul and took control of the capital building. More than a hundred communist troops, each carrying a "safe conduct pass" that B-29s had dropped, surrendered to U.S. forces near Seoul. The Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur to destroy the North Korean Army, which involved crossing the 38th parallel into North Korea. Only ROK troops were to be allowed by the U.N. Command in provinces bordering China and the Soviet Union. The Joint Chiefs of Staff also cancelled further strategic bombing of North Korea. FEAF Combat Cargo Command finished airlifting the 187th Airborne Regiment to Kimpo.

Sept. 28: ROK troops advanced into North Korea for the first time. MacArthur officially restored Seoul to ROK President Syngman Rhee. The first jet fighter squadron to operate from a base in Korea, the 7th Fighter Bomber Squadron moved from Itazuke to Taegu. Three RB-45 Tornadoes, the first jet reconnaissance aircraft in the USAF inventory, arrived in the Far East.

Sprint Triathlon a 'big success'

Outdoor Recreationsponsored event welcomes athletes, families

Story and photos by Angie Erickson *Public affairs*

Sunday mornings are usually very quiet on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Other than church service, there is very little activity. This was not the case Sunday as the 11th Annual Sprint Triathlon got underway at the base swimming pool at 7 a.m.

While some of the 140 competitors were athletes who came out to test their endurance, others were families who came out to experience the event together.

Sponsored by Outdoor Recreation, the event started at 7 a.m. with the first heat of six. Swimmers took their mark and swam their required 16 laps (800 meters). Once done swimming, they quickly got out of the pool, toweled off, put socks and shoes on and took off on 12.5 mile cycling course.

"I just want to have a strong finish for my age group," said Eric Barr as he prepped for the cycling event. Barr, from the 355th Training Squadron, said he looked forward to finishing somewhere in the middle of the pack.

Mark Hobson and daughter Camille took off

together. Hobson, commander of the 355th Contracting Squadron said that although he had competed before, it was his daughter's first triathlon.

"I just want to see what it's like," said 12-yearold Camille, as she sighed with relief that she had completed the swimming portion of the event. "If I like it, I might want to do more."

Hobson's wife, Joy, and other family members waited and cheered in support for the two to finish. "I know that they are going to be hungry, so we are all going out to breakfast and have pancakes afterward," Joy said.

And yet another family sent their competitor off on his bike. Nine-year-old Josh Wallace had his three sisters and mom and dad wished him well as he rode off. Tom Wallace, Josh's dad, had competed for Air Force on the Iron Man team three times in 1992, 1996 and 1998, when the Air Force won the competition. While Wallace is a true athlete and competitor, he takes it all in stride when it comes to his family.

"It's their decision if they want to participate," he said. At his last assignment in Naples, Italy, the family competed together. "It's something that we can all do, whether competing or supporting one another."

The final event was the 3.1-mile run which lead them to the awards ceremony and barbecue.

"The event turned out wonderful," said Connie Knobb, Outdoor Rec manager. "We had 20 more competitors than last year, a great group of volunteers from all over the base and AAFES, Bruegger's Bagels, Runner's World, Active.com and Albertson's contributed to the success of the event."

Plaques were awarded to the following first and second place winners in team and individual categories:

Co-ed teams:

1st: "Shark Attack"- Michelle Barnes, Linda Fahey and Rick Prater

2nd: "Happy Chappys" - Mike and Mary Muratore Active Duty team:

1st: Marianne Hafler, David Beirne and John Liv 2nd: "Long and Short of It"- Sarah Chilson, Rupe Laumann and Salty Solterbeck

Individual Men's:

17 and Under: Eli Owenby, Joshua Wallace, Ross Foree, Chad Miller, Mark Herrington

1st: Don Guerra

2nd: David Eaton, Steve Foree, David Midel

50+: Ralph Portwood, Albert Lighuori

Active Duty Men:

1st: Michael Ilmaned

2nd: Bryant Hefler

Individual Women

17 and under: Camille Hobson, Nicole Foree, Samantha Kahoo, Michelle Lipschultz, Suzy Bacal, Elisabeth Lawaczeck, Nancy Petersen, Margaret Kendle

50+: Judy Gillies Active Duty Women: Briah Carey



Twelve-year-old Camille Hobson, and her dad, Mark (355th Contracting Squadron commander), set off on the 12.5-mile cycling portion of the 11th Annual Sprint Triathlon.



Eric Barr gets ready to ride after completing the 800meter swimming portion of the Sprint Triathlon. After completing the cycling portion, Barr had to run 3.1 miles.

Sports Shorts

Tennis machines

Automatic tennis practice machines can be checked out from the fitness center. There's no cost to use the equipment, which can be plugged in at the base tennis courts, across from Bama Park. Players supply their own tennis balls. Get information at the fitness center, 8-3714.

Base roll-offs

It's time for the base team roll-offs. Bowlers who make the team spend a week in Las Vegas at the Worldwide Tournament. Roll-offs are \$25 for 18 games (six games a day). Choose three days from the following available dates: Monday, Wednesday, and Sept. 22, 25, 27 and 29. Games start at 11:30 a.m. Get more information at 8-3461.

Vegas League

Bowlers can sign up now for the D-M Lanes new 32-week Vegas League. League play is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., starting next week. Players pay just \$10 a week. Then, at the end of 32 weeks, players board a chartered bus for a no-cost one-day turnaround trip to Las Vegas. Call 8-3461 for more information.

Football Frenzy

Football Frenzy is every Monday at the Desert Oasis Club. Fans are invited to the club every Monday for NFL football, snacks, pizza, wings and beverage specials. Valuable local prizes will be given away every week.

Members and their guests can win mini footballs, sports bags and pullovers and a \$150 MasterCard gift card. National prize winners go to the San Francisco-San Diego game, Dec. 3, the Tampa Super Bowl, Jan. 28, and the Honolulu Pro Bowl, Feb. 4. Trips include airfare and hotel accommodations for two, and a rental car. Only club members (either club) are eligible for national prizes. Sponsors are SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, Comfort Inn (San Diego), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (Pro Bowl), and Air Force Clubs (no federal endorsement intended). Call the Desert Oasis for further details at 748-8666.

Skeet and trap

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Find out more from the outdoor recreation center, at 8-3736.

Punt, Pass & Kick

Boys and girls, 8 through 15, can take part in Sunday's NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition. PP&K, hosted by the youth center, starts at 8 a.m., at the football field near Bama Park. Participants get ribbons, prizes, certificates, and a chance to compete at the national level, at an Arizona Cardinals home game. Register at the youth center, Building 6000, or Sunday morning at the field (bring proof of age). Call youth center sports director Kathy Sands, at 8-8373.

Womens golf league

The D-M Lady Niners are now playing Wednesday mornings at the Blanchard Course. The group welcomes all adult women players -- military, family members and eligible civilians. Sign up at the course, or call Sue Sweeney at 624-5183 for more information.

Pro shop sale

At the D-M Lanes Pro Shop sale, buyers save 10 percent on all balls, bags and shoes. Sale items are limited to current inventory; no special orders can be accepted at these prices. Shop early for best selection. The sale starts today, and ends Sept. 30. Get more information at 8-3461. The pro shop is open Monday through Saturday.

Smoking policy, leagues

Smoking is not allowed at the D-M Lanes until after 3 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays. On all other days, smokers can light up in the lounge, and on lanes 11 through 20 only.

Bowlers can still sign up for winter leagues. Teams meet mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Lanes, pro shop and Head Pin Café are open Monday through Saturday.

Call 8-3461 for more information.

Golf/lunch special

Golfers buying lunch any weekend get a

second meal (equal or less value) at no charge, just by showing their golf receipt. This two-for-one special is valid Saturdays and Sundays, at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant. Call the pro shop, 8-3734, or restaurant, 8-7066.

Singles golf group

The American Singles Golf Association is starting a new chapter in the Tucson area. If you're 21 or older, single, and enjoy the game of golf, you're invited to attend the organizational meeting of the Tucson Chapter of the ASGA Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Starr Pass Golf Resort. Call 798-6338 for more information.

Rugby players sought

Players are needed for the upcoming rugby season, which starts in the fall and continues until the spring. Call Jay Gregson, 8-2136; Larry Bates, 8-4874; or Dick Battock, 886-7003, for more information.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The staff at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offer a full lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week. Call 8-3714 for more information.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:20 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

Wednesday - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick box (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing beginners (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing advanced (Basheera)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

Friday - 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne)

Scoreboard -

Softball

Monday/Wednesday

(as of Wednesday)

Tuesday/Thursday

(as of Tuesday)

<u>leam</u>	<u>w-L</u>
SFS	8-0
12 AF (A)	7-1
CES	6-1
42 ACCS (A)	4-3
COMM	5-4
162 ANG	5-4
358 FS	4-4
TRS	4-4
CRS (A)	4-4
EMS/AGE	3-4
25 OWS	2-5
SVS	1-7
41 ECS (B)	0-4
AAFES	0-8

Golf

Intramural -Tuesday

(FINAL STANDINGS - top 6 teams advance to post-season tournament)

<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>
COMM	70.5-25.5
SUPS #2	66-30
EMS	62.5-33.5
MSS	62-34
MDG	62-34
SVS	57.5-38.5
41 ECS	56-40
42 ACCS	51-45
12 AF #1	48-48
43 ECS	43-53
12 AF #3	28-68

Intramural -Wednesday

(FINAL STANDINGS - top 6 teams advance to post-season tournament)

<u>Team</u>	W-L
SUPS #1	65-23
12 AF #2	64-24
CRS	61-27
TRS	60.5-27.5
CES	59.5-28.5
Det 2 67 IG	52.5-35.5
25 OWS	42.5-45.5
SFS	40.5-47.5
OSS	37-51
CPTS	30-58
TRANS	10.5-77.5
42 ACCS #2	7-81

Bowling

Intramural -American (Week 2)

Team 42 ACCS #1 14-2 41 FCS #2 12-4 41 ECS#1 10-6 MDG #1 8-8 8-8 43 ECS 42 ACCS #2 CONS MDG #2 4-12 OSS 2-14 25 OWS #2 0-16 High Scratch Game (Team): 42 ACCS #1, 1004 High Scratch Series (Team): 42 ACCS #1, 2829 High Scratch Game (Men): Donald Karstetter, 246 High Scratch Series (Men): Donald Karstetter, 690 High Scratch Game (Women): High Scratch Series (Women):

Intramural -**National**

Sondra Calley, 576

(Week 2)

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<u>Team</u>	W-L
TRANS	12-4
12 AF #3	12-4
25 OWS #1	10-6
SVS	10-6
AMMO	10-6
MSS	8-8
Supply	8-8
358th FS	8-8
AMARC	6-10
12 AF #1	6-10
CRS	6-10
COMM	2-14
12 AF #2	0-16
High Scratch Gar	ne (Team):
TRANS, 1010	

High Scratch Series (Team): TRANS, 2671 High Scratch Game (Men): Luis

High Scratch Series (Men): Luis

Andrea Hicks, 172 High Scratch Series (Women): Pam Boggs, 453 **Tuesday Early Risers** Team Ally Kats Team 1 Star Wars Wee Bee Bad Team 2 Soon's Runway The Monarchs Late Bloomers High Scratch Game (Team): Star Wars, 485 High Scratch Series (Team): Team 1, 1292

Cruz, 652

High Scratch Game (Women):

(Week 2)

10-6

10-6

8-8

8-8

8-8

4-12

2-14

Phantom Mixed

High Scratch Game: Sadi

High Scratch Series: Sadi

Croxton, 180

Croxton, 479

(Wee	k 1)
<u>Team</u>	W-L
Team 12	8-0
Alley Oops	6-2
Rat Pack	6-2
Sweet Revenge	6-2
Team 10	4-4
3 N's and a D	4-4
Team 6	4-4
Strike Force	2-6
_ucky Seven	2-6
Team 2	2-6
Team 11	0-8
Ghost Team	0-0
High Scratch Gar	ne (Team): A

Oops, 778 High Scratch Series (Team): Alley

High Scratch Game (Men): Floyd

High Scratch Series (Men): Joe Winn, 630

High Scratch Game (Women): Scotty Johnson, 185 High Scratch Series (Women): Kim Varley, 515

OWC

(Week 1) <u>Team</u> 8-0 6-2 Lady Flyers Team 1 Team 6 6-2 4-4 4-4 Splitsters Snuffers Alley Cats 2-6 The Eastsiders 2-6 High Scratch Game: Donata Oliver, 191

High Scratch Series: Donata Oliver, 539

D-M Pinrollers

(Week 1) Team Dreamers 6-2 6-2 6-2 Team 6 Team 8 Kachina Dolls Team 4 4-4 Team 1 2-6 Annie's Girls 2-6 Team 5 2-6 Team 9 0-0 High Scratch Game (Team):

Dreamers, 692 High Scratch Series (Team): Dreamers, 1904

High Scratch Game: Mary

Stennis, 206 High Scratch Series: Fran Baird,

Thursday Night

	(VVCCKZ)
<u>Team</u>	W-L
Prickly Pairs	s 12-4
Four Seas	12-4
Desert Strik	ers 12-4
PBJs	10-6

Pintendos 10-6 Pick One 8-8 DMs 8-8 Cool Cs Nice N Spicy Bucks N Does 6-10 6-10 Road Runners Ice Breakers 6-10 Lickity Splits 2-14 **High Scratch Game (Team):** Four

Seas, 724 High Scratch Series (Team): Four Seas, 2056

High Scratch Game (Men): Ed Carder, 257
High Scratch Series (Men): Ed

High Scratch Game (Women):

Russell Roman, 197
High Scratch Series (Women): Joyce Vaughn, 499

Friday Nite Fun

(VVE	ek 3)
Team	W-L
Kum Cantasi	12-4
AAFES	12-4
WANNABEES	10-6
Just Us	10-6
3 Roses/Thorn	10-6
The Misfits	8-8
Team 11	8-0
More BS	6-10
Double Trouble	6-10
Gutter Dusters	4-12
O Spare Us	2-14
High Scratch Ga	me (Team): Mo
BS, 764	
High Scratch Se	ries (Team): M
BS, 2107	
High Scratch Ga	me (Men): Kei
Bettis, 232	

High Scratch Series (Men): Paul

Roeske, 648 High Scratch Game (Women):

High Scratch Series (Women):

Kari Snyder, 536



Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Studies: 9:30 to 11:30 am, (nursery provided), Chapel 1, or 11:30 to 12:30 p.m, Chapel 1; Singles Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220.

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Chapel 1, 7 p.m. Call 8-5411 for more information.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.

For women only

"Meeting God in Change," a Bible study geared just for women meets every Tuesday at Chapel 1. Two sessions are available. One runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided. The other runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is designed for those who can get away on their lunch break. For more information, please contact Sonja Snyder at 615-7708 or the chapel at 8-5411.

Promise Keepers Bible study

The weekely Promise Keepers Bible study meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room of Building 4810. Promise Keepers is a men's group devoted to Bible study and the family. Lunch is provided by the chapel. For further information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Wido at 8-5411.

Chapel Web site

Visit the chapel Web site for more information about services, upcoming events, important phone numbers, and more. Just type the Web address, www.dm.af.mil/chapel, and explore the possibilities of your faith.

41st ECS self-help

(L to R) Lt. Col. Robert English, 355th Operations Group EC-130 deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Glyn Bolasky, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron commander, opened the remodeled upper floor of the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron maintenance building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Sept. 12. Bolasky then hung a plaque in the conference room dedicating the floor to those who gave of their time and efforts to this self-help project.



On-base clubs

Officers Club

Today: OWC coffee and jewelry show, 9:30 a.m. Burger Burn, 5 to 7 p.m. Seafood buffet, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday: Prime rib for two, \$19.95. **Sunday**: Mini buffet, 10 a.m.to1 p.m. **Monday**: Club and barber shop close at 2 p.m.

Tuesday: Prime rib for two, 5:30 to 8 p.m. **Wednesday**: Two-for-one steak night, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Crud playoffs, 6 to 9 p.m.; spectators welcome.

Thursday: Mongolian BBQ, \$8.95 for adults.

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

Today: Karaoke is at 8 p.m. **Saturday**: Cabana closed .

Sunday: Club closed; Cabana open, call

Monday: Football Frenzy at 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Bingo Appreciation Night games, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Try the Friday Seafood Special. **Thursday**: Ask about \$1.75 beverage specials

Club football fun

Come to the Desert Oasis Club every Monday for NFL football, snacks, pizza, wings and beverage specials. Fans taking part in Football Frenzy can win local prizes like mini footballs, sports bags and pullovers and a \$150 MasterCard gift card. National winners get tickets to a San Diego game, the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl. Trips include airfare for two, hotel accommodations, and rental car. Club members are eligible for national prizes. Sponsors are SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, Comfort Inn (San Diego), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (Pro Bowl), and Air Force Clubs (no federal endorsement intended). Call 748-8666 for further details.

Cabana closed Saturday

Cabana Pizza will close Saturday, due to the D-M 50 Picnic. The facility reopens Sunday, on its regular schedule, 1 to 8 p.m. Cabana is normally open seven days a week at the Desert Oasis Club for dine-in, carryout or delivery service. Call 747-3234 for delivery.



Youth programs

Today: Youth center preteen go to Skate Country tonight.

Saturday: Teen slam dunk contest, Sept. 30, call 8-8373.

Sunday: Punt, Pass & Kick is today, call 8-8373.

Monday: Ask about Teen Bucks.

Tuesday: Youth basketball sign ups start soon; call 8-8373. Call the CDC about hourly child care, 8-3336.

Wednesday: Library Fun for youth center primaries, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Power Hour is 4 to 5 p.m. at the youth center.

Thursday: Preteen/teen basketball contests at the youth center, call 8-8373. ACC Teen Lock-in, Oct. 13, call the youth center, 8-8365.

Youth center voluteers needed

The Youth Center is looking for volunteers to assist in their all night lock-in for teenagers 13-18 years old. The date of this activity is Oct. 13 and volunteers are needed for two shifts; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and 2 to 7 a.m. Additionally, the youth center is soliciting for volunteers for the upcoming haunted house activity. Volunteers are needed on any night from Oct. 24 through 27. To sign up for any one of these activities, please call Armando at the youth center, 8-8365, or the base volunteer coordinator, Clayton Moore, 8-6042.



Community events

Today: ITT has Entertainment Books, call 8-3700

Saturday: Shop Nogales with ITT; call 8-3700.

Sunday: Outdoor recreation center goes to Peppersauce Cave today, call 8-3736.

Monday: Marketplace Monday resumes Oct. 2, community center, call 8-3717. Community center youth dance classes, 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: D-M Lanes pro shop sale ends Saturday, call 8-3461. Community center kids dance classes, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Community center yoga class, 6 to 7 p.m., call 8-3717.

Thursday: Outdoor recreation center trail ride is Sept. 30, call 8-3736.

Free family vacations

Win one of eight family vacation packages in the Air Combat Command Be a Hero promotion.

Weekly Friday drawings begin Oct. 20, and continue through Dec. 15 (no drawing Nov. 10). A ninth drawing, Dec. 15, is for a \$200 AT&T long-distance voucher. To be eligible, just pick up a Be a Hero card at a local services location. When an adult and child take part in a services activity, their card is stamped (most activities are participating). Cards with five stamps are eligible for the next drawing. Visit www.servicity.com for bonus stamps (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended). There's no limit on the number of cards your family can fill. Winners select from 98 vacation destinations. Packages offer deluxe accommodations, breakfast, golf, free admissions and discount coupons (packages may vary; transportation is not included). Learn more at most services locations, or call services marketing at 8-5950.

Hourly child care

Hourly child care is available Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., in the child development center's hourly care room, at the community center. Parents pay \$3 per child, per hour. Reservations are necessary. Contact the CDC as early as possible at 8-3336.

Toastmasters

D-M's chapter of Toastmasters International meets at 11:30 a.m., the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at the library. Members of the organization learn the elements of effective public speaking. For meeting information, call library director, Armando Bernal, at 8-4381.



Family support

Saturday: Hearts Apart Bowling, 1 to 3 p.m., bowling center.

Tuesday: Right Start Orientation, 8 a.m. to noon., community center, Building 4201.

Thursday: Fun Time Activity Group, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a. m., Chapel 1.

Excess property sale

Don't miss the 355th Services Squadron's excess property sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, at the old Aero Club hangar, Building 1749 (north end of First Street, at Bola). Miscellaneous items from lodging, the skills development center and other services activities will be sold. Merchandise was purchased with nonappropriated funds and is no longer needed. Purchases are on an as-is basis, and all sales are final. Shop early; selection is limited. Get additional information from Services Logistics, at 8-4069.

Smooth move

The family support center will conduct its next smooth move briefing 8 to 11 a.m., Oct. 4, at the community center, Building 4201. This briefing covers many topics related to making a permanent change of station move. To meet the needs of those traveling with their pets, additional information will be provided at the pets are family too workshop from 11 a.m. to noon. Both briefings are open to military members, Department of Defense employees, and their spouses. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

VA benefit briefing

Individuals who are 180 days from separating or retiring should attend one of the monthly transition assistance program seminars and receive the veterans affairs briefing on loans, education, and disability benefits. The family support center conducts an extra Veterans Affairs benefit briefing each month for members who are unable to attend the primary one. The next briefing is Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, community center, Building 4201. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

Baby basics

The next baby basics program for expectant mothers in their third trimester begins Oct. 3, noon to 2 p.m. at Chapel 1. This session is presented by Pat Boyd, registered nurse. She will provide information on basic infant care, growth and development. For questions or to sign up, call 8-5690.

Hearts Apart bowling

Come join the hearts apart group for a day of free bowling and pizza Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. at the bowling center. Call the family support center, at 8-5690 for more information.

Job openings

The family support center has a superintendent position open. This master sergeant or above position covers a wide range of responsibilities aimed at assisting the Director in managing Family Support Center functions to include budget, computer resources and other functions. Individuals must enjoy working in a climate of freedom to help manage these diverse functions and assist military families, single and married alike. For more information on how to apply, contact the family support center at 8-5690. The center is also soliciting applications for the Readiness NCO position. This technical sergeant position is responsible for the well being and care of military families during contingencies and family separation. Their principle duties include maintaining a readiness program, disaster preparedness, hearts apart program, and briefing deploying personnel. Computer knowledge is essential. For more information on how to apply, contact the family support center at 8-5690



Embry-Riddle ranked No. 1

U.S. News and World Report's annual rankings for 2001 are out, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has been ranked the No. 1 aeronautics and aerospace program in the nation. Embry-Riddle offers associate degrees in Professional Aeronautics and Aviation Business Administration; bachelor degrees in Professional Aeronautics, Management of Technical Operations, and Aviation Business Administration; and a masters degree in Aeronautical Science. Call 747-5540 or email for more information. davis-monthan_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Park University benefits

Tuition assistance, veterans benefits and financial aid are available to assist students with their educational goals. Forms are available in the office. Park University offers degrees in Criminal Justice Administration, Management, Management/Accounting, Management/Human Resources, Management/Finance and Social Psychology. Call the office at 748-8266, fax us at 750-8675 or e-mail us at parkcollege@theriver.com.

Spouse scholarship

Applications for the Aerospace Education Foundation Spouse Scholarship are now available at the base education office. This program is designed to encourage thirty Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. The applicant must be a spouse of Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserves. Spouses who are themselves Air Force members, or in ROTC, are not eligible. Application deadline is Nov. 1. Please stop by the education office, Building 3200, Room 262 and pick up your application.



Other agencies

Hispanic heritage celebration

Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center employees will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with food and live entertainment 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 29. Tango couple Dave and Shelli Little and Davis Elementary School mariachi players and foklorico dancers will perform under the AMARC reclamation shelter located off of Irvington Road. Tickets are \$5 each for a shredded beef meal and the chance to win one of many door prizes. Visitors to AMARC must enter at Irvington and Kolb roads. Call Sylvia Montano at 8-8452 for more information.

Combination change

Family housing residents who are assigned a space in the mandatory recreational vehicle lot on Yuma Road are advised the current combination for the lot will be changed effective Wednesday. The new combination is available to registered users at the housing management office, Building 2555, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call Ms. Dee Green at 8-5706 for more information.

Retired activities seminar

The Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Tucson's Fifth Annual Retired Activities Seminar, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, at the Officers Club. Topics will include health care issues, retired pay, update on changing benefits and entitlements, and privileges of base facilities. The seminar is open to all retired, active duty, and reserve personnel in the Southern Arizona region.

Air National Guard Openings

There are current openings in the Georgia Air National Guard, Brunswick area. The ANG is looking for electronics (2E3X1, 2E1X1 and 2E2X1), and mechanics (2T3X4 and 3E0X2) and communications systems (3C1X1 and 3C2X1). Unit strength need tactical air command and control specialist (1C4X1's) now and Air Liaison officers. Will consider training. Call Master Sgt. Kelly Smith, 1-800-743-9231, DSN: 860-8004/5, or email kelly.smith@gasava.ang.af.mil.

Thunderbirds to reenlist D-M

The Thunderbird commander will reenlist D-M personnel on Nov. 2 upon the Thunderbird Team's arrival for A & A days. If you would like to be re-enlisted in front of a Thunderbird F-16C, please contact Capt Patricia Muth, 8-3127, no later than Oct. 20. You must be eligible to reenlist to participate in this event; contact the reenlistment section in the MPF to determine your eligibility.

Jewelers sale

The Officers' Wives Club is hosting its annual James Jewelers Sale today. The sale will be held at the Officers Club from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The OWC's proceeds from this sale go into the Charitable Fund which supports scholarships, Kids' Week and base organizations. All ranks are welcome.

Retiree appreciation day

To attend the Retiree Orientation And Appreciation Day event, scheduled for Oct. 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, call the Retiree Activities Office at 8-5100, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, to sign-up. Subjects will include: income taxes, ID cards, the DEERS program, pay, retiree dental and TRICARE programs, the pharmacy, AAFES, powers of attorney, wills, trusts and estate planning, legal support, casualty assistance, veterans benefits, the commissary and military widows. SATO Travel will have a special drawing for a door prize of two free round-trip airline tickets to any location serviced by the participating airlines. Coupon books will also be available from MWR. Space is limited so sign-up now. If calling after hours, leave your phone number, retired grade, branch of service, and number attending.

Thrift Shop open

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignents are taken until 1 p.m. Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. The shop is located in Building 3220 on Ironwood.



Movie theater

Tonight: Nutty Professor II, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Saturday**: Nutty Professor II, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday: Scary Movie, (R), 7 p.m.